Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 11 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 12 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 10 Jan 2023 at 15:07 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions, and turning colder over the weekend, lower for daily detail, especially on Saturday.

Headline for Wednesday 11 Jan 2023: Cloudy with frequent snow showers, rain at low levels, and limited brief bright or sunny intervals. Bitterly cold in the gale to severe gale westerly winds which bring blizzard conditions at times.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 11 Jan 2023

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
60%	70%	70%	50%	80%	60%	80%	40%

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Weather: Generally cloudy with frequent showers, these of snow above about 500-600m perhaps a shade lower in the heaviest showers, which could also be accompanied by thunder. Gale to severe gale force winds will allow blizzard conditions to develop at times though the winds will ease later. There will be a few limited bright or sunny intervals.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% or less with some of the highest tops in cloud most of the time.

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken to overcast cloud at 500-800m and above, a few lower patches, bringing very poor visibility in the cloud. Visibility often poor below cloud in the showers and very poor where lying snow blows and causes blizzards. Mainly good away from cloud and showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	48/60 SW	47/60 SW	45/58 SW	42/55 SW	37/49 SW	34/45 SW	31/41 SW	30/40 SW	25/33 SW
900	33/45 SW	35/47 SW	33/46 SW	31/43 SW	29/40 SW	26/36 SW	24/34 SW	22/31 SW	19/26 SW
600	37/49 SW	39/50 SW	36/48 SW	35/47 SW	32/43 SW	28/38 SW	25/34 SW	23/32 SW	19/26 SW
300	18/29 SW	22/34 SW	21/34 SW	19/31 SW	18/30 SW	16/27 SW	13/23 S	12/21 SW	9/17 SW
Glen	15/32 SW	16/33 SW	16/32 SW	15/32 SW	14/29 SW	13/26 SW	10/24 SW	10/22 SW	9/19 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-14	-4/-13	-3/-12	-3/-11
900	-0/-9	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-9	-2/-9	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-7
600	2/-6	1/-7	1/-7	1/-7	1/-6	1/-7	1/-6	2/-5	2/-4
300	4/-1	4/-2	3/-3	3/-2	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2	4/-0	4/0
Glen	6/2	6/1	5/0	5/1	6/1	5/1	5/2	6/2	6/3
Freezing Level*	800m	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m	800m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Gusts of around 70mph likely on the summits in the morning. Note the very low feels like temperature.

Forecast for Thursday 12 Jan 2023

Weather: Clearer for a time in early hours and possibly still a bright start to the day with some sunshine, but cloud and occasional rain soon into Arran will spread northeast across the Southwest Highlands where it will be of snow above 750m rising 900m briefly. A short brighter spell in the early afternoon before further showers pack in from the west becoming prolonged from late afternoon with snow above 600-800m and winds strong enough for blizzards.

Maximum wind: Southwest 25 gusts 35mph, increasing 40 gusts 55mph in the afternoon then 50 gusts 70mph during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% falling 30%

Low Cloud and visibility: At first patchy cloud at 750-900m but soon becoming broken to overcast at 450-750m. Occasionally poor visibility in snow showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius early hours rising to Plus 8 by afternoon and edging down to 3 degrees by midnight.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius rising to Plus 3 for a time, falling to Minus 1 during the afternoon.
Freezing level: 900m-1000m falling to 750m during the afternoon.

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